

SMITH BROADCASTING, INC  
KYCN-AM/KZEW-FM  
WHEATLAND, WYOMING

WTB/ASAD  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
445 12 STREET, SW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

RE: COMMENT ON AUCTION 62

TO THE FCC COMMISSIONERS:

THIS LETTER IS IN OPPOSITION TO AUCTION 62 SPECIFICALLY TO CONSTRUCTION PERMIT(S) FM169 AND FM 170 AND THE REST OF THE STATE OF WYOMING. THE TOWN OF WHEATLAND, WYOMING, POPULATION 3,549 IS CONCURRENTLY BEING SERVED BY FOUR RADIO STATIONS, KYCN-AM AND KZEW-FM, KYOD-FM OF DOUGLAS AND THE NEW STATION THAT WAS AUCTIONED IN AUCTION 37 IN GUERNSEY WYOMING. THIS IS A SMALL COMMUNITY THAT CAN ONLY SUPPORT TWO LET ALONE FOUR RADIO STATIONS. THESE THREE CURRENT RADIO STATIONS (KYCN-AM KZEW-FM KYOD-FM) ARE LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED WITH LOCALIZE PROGRAMMING, AND NOW YOU WANT TO ADD TWO MORE!!

IF YOU NOTICED BY THE LAST AUCTION (37), ONLY ONE QUOTE "MOM AND POP" OWNERS IN THE STATE OF WYOMING ACQUIRED A PERMIT, AND THAT WAS FOR \$660,000. THE FCC IS CONTINUING TO THINK THAT THE SMALL PERSON CAN AFFORD TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE AUCTIONS, I DON'T HAVE \$250,000 SITTING IN MY POCKETS AND NEITHER DO THE OTHER SMALL OPERATORS IN THE STATE OF WYOMING.

YOU HAVE STARTED THE TWO LICENSE IN WHEATLAND, WYOMING AT A COMBINED \$22,500. I DO NOT HAVE THAT KIND OF MONEY JUST TO START, LET ALONE TRY TO BID ON PERMITS THAT GO OVER \$100,000. IF YOU ALLOW THESE AUCTION PERMITS TO GO THROUGH, SMALL OWNERS LIKE MYSELF WILL HAVE TO DOWNSIZE, MEANING LETTING EMPLOYEES GO, FURTHER HURTING OUR COMMUNITIES.

I DON'T THINK YOU ARE AWARE THAT THESE COMPANIES THAT WON PERMITS IN THE LAST AUCTIONS ARE JUST SIMULCASTING ALREADY ON-AIR STATIONS. JUST GIVING THE CALL LETTERS AT THE TOP ON THE HOUR DOES NOT CONSTITUTE WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE AND THAT IS LOCALISM TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HAS THE LICENSE.

THE FCC NEEDS TO START REALIZING THAT YOU ARE DRIVING AWAY THE SMALL RADIO STATION OPERATORS THAT LOVE RADIO, AND CAN'T COMPETE WITH THE LARGE COMPANIES THAT KEEP SWALLOWING UP THE SMALL PEOPLE.

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE WYOMING FM PERMITS YOU WANT TO AUCTION IN AUCTION 62 AND THE POPULATION OF THE TOWNS IT WILL AFFECT.

		POPULATION	
BAGGS	FM147	348	
BASIN	FM148	1,238	
CLEARMOUNT	FM150	115	
CODY	FM151	8,535	
DUBOIS	FM152	982	
HANNA	FM153 AND 154	873	
HUDSON	FM155 AND 156	407	
KAYCEE	FM157	249	
LUSK	FM158	1,447	
MANVILLE	FM159	101	
MEETEETSE	FM160	351	
PINE HAVEN	FM161	222	
SHOSHONI	FM162 AND 163	635	
TEN SLEEP	FM164	304	
UPTON	FM165 AND 166	872	
WAMSUTTER	FM167 AND 168	261	
WHEATLAND	FM169 AND 170	3,548	
WRIGHT	FM171, 172 AND 173	1,347	

AS YOU CAN SEE THE ONLY LEGIMATE AUCTION PERMIT WOULD BE FOR

CASPER	FM149	49,644
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YOU (FCC) ALLOWED SOMEONE WITH A COMPUTER TO PUT ALLOCATIONS IN TOWNS THAT CAN NOT SUPPORT RADIO STATIONS AND THAT ARE ALREADY BEING SERVED BY STATIONS SURROUNDING THESE SMALL COMMUNITIES.

IT IS TIME FOR THE MADNESS TO STOP, YOU ALLOWED 16 STATIONS IN THE LAST AUCTION(37) AND NOW YOU WANT TO ALLOW 27 MORE STATIONS IN A STATE WITH ONLY 493,782 PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF WYOMING.

THE STATE OF WYOMING IS CURRENTLY BEING SERVED BY 77 AM AND FM STATIONS NOT INCLUDING THE LAST AUCTION OF 16 THAT WERE WON IN THE AUCTION.

IF YOU WANT LOCALISM TO CONTINUE AND WANT TO SMALL STATIONS COMMITTED TO THEIR TOWNS YOU NEED TO CEASE AUCTION 62.

SINCERELY,  
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